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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/814,292	SAMUELSON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Olivia T. Luk	2812	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 10-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-60 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 10-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. Claims 16-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claimed subject matter in claims 16-60 are not reasonably described in the specification as able to reasonably convey one skill in the art of nanotechnology. In addition, claims 16-60 were not filed in the original parent application 09/563,200 and are not considered part of the original application and thus, are not examined herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kado et al. (EP0750353 A2).

In re claim 10, Kado et al. discloses forming a plurality of particles **5** forming a layer **6** of a thickness sufficiently small to support quantum mechanical tunnelling on the surface of said particles (col. 6, lines 25-50) and positioning at least one of said particles between a pair of electrodes to form a single electron device (col. 6, lines 18-24).

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In re claim 11, Kado et al. discloses selecting particles of predetermined size takes place prior to the step of forming said layer (col. 6, lines 47-51).

In re claim 12, Kado et al. discloses a plurality of the particles is formed as an aerosol (col. 7, lines 15-30).

In re claim 13, Kado et al. discloses that said layer is formed by the chemical modification of the surface of said particles (col. 14, lines 1-9).

In re claim 14, Kado et al. discloses that said layer is formed by the epitaxial deposition of a material on the surface of said particles (col. 14, lines 1-9).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In re claim 15, prior art fails to teach positioning of said particle is performed by means of an atomic force microscope.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. References not applied are considered state of the art in the area of semiconductor manufacture.

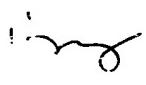
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olivia T. Luk whose telephone number is 571-272-1676. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM to 5PM Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael S. Lebentritt can be reached on 571-272-1873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 18, 2005


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PRIMARY EXAMINER